

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: Gregory McCalop, 5 Spring Drive, Newark DE 19702					
Address of Defendant: John Stepens Jr, 34 Equestrian Drive, Burlington, NJ 08016 and Mercer Group International, 1519 Rev S Howard Woodson JR Way, Trenton, NJ 08638					
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: 378 S Warminster Rd Hatboro PA 19040					
RELATED CASE, IF ANY:					
Case Number: Judge: Date Terminated:					
Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is answered to any of the following questions:					
1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?					
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit yes No V					
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court?					
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights Yes No V V V V V V V V V V V V V					
I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is / is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.					
DATE: 10/18/2018 Attorney-at-Law Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)					
CIVIL: (Place a √ in one category only)					
A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:					
1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts 2. FELA 2. Airplane Personal Injury 3. Jones Act-Personal Injury 3. Assault, Defamation 4. Antitrust 4. Marine Personal Injury 5. Patent 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury 6. Labor-Management Relations 6. Uther Personal Injury (Please specify): 7. Civil Rights 7. Products Liability 8. Habeas Corpus 8. Products Liability 8. Products Liability 8. Products Liability 9. Securities Act(s) Cases 9. All other Diversity Cases (Please specify): 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contract and					
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ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.) Lauren Mazzitelli					
I,, counsel of record <i>or</i> pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case					
exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs: Relief other than monetary damages is sought.					
DATE: 10/18/2018 324508					
NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.					

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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(c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ()					
d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos.					
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CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS Gregory McCalop			DEFENDANTS John Stephens Jr. and Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services		
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)			County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Burlington, NJ (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.		
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Simon and Simon 1818 Market Street, Suit Philadelphia, PA 19103	Address, and Telephone Number) = 2000		Attorneys (If Known)		
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COMPLAINT

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Gregory McCalop, is a resident of the State of Delaware, residing at the address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant, John Stephens Jr., is a resident of the State of New Jersey, residing at the address listed in the caption of this Complaint.
- 3. Defendant, Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services, is a corporate entity authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey, and regularly conducts business in Philadelphia, with a business address listed in the caption of this Complaint.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this Civil Action-Complaint in that the Plaintiff, Gregory McCalop, is a citizen of Delaware and the Defendant, John Stephens Jr., is a citizen of State of New Jersey, and the Defendant, Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services, upon information and belief is a corporate entity with its principal place of business in New Jersey and the amount in controversy in this case, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the sum of \$75,000.
- 5. Venue is proper in this jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) (1) and (2) in that this is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted in this Complaint occurred in this judicial district.

FACTS

- 6. On or about June 1, 2018, at or about 11:00 a.m., Plaintiff, Gregory McCalop, was the operator of a motor vehicle, which was parked at 378 S Warminster Road, in Hatboro PA 19040.
- 7. At or about the same date and time, defendant, John Stephens Jr., was the operator of a motor vehicle, owned by defendant, Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services, which was traveling on Warminster Road, at or around the aforementioned location of the plaintiff's vehicle.
- 8. At or about the same date and time, defendants' vehicle was involved in a collision with plaintiff's vehicle.
- 9. At all times relevant hereto, defendant, John Stephens Jr., was operating the aforesaid defendant, John Stephens Jr.'s vehicle as defendant Mercer Group International d/b/a

Horizon Disposal Services' agent, servant and/or employee, acting within the scope of its agency.

- 10. The aforesaid motor vehicle collision was the result of defendant, negligently, recklessly and/or carelessly, operating his vehicle in such a manner so as to strike plaintiff's vehicle.
- 11. The aforesaid motor vehicle collision was a direct result of the negligence, recklessness and/or carelessness of the defendants and not the result of any action or failure to act by the plaintiff.
- 12. As a result of the collision, Plaintiff suffered severe and permanent injuries, as are more fully set forth below.

COUNT I Gregory Mccalop v. John Stephens Jr. Negligence

- 13. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 14. The negligence, recklessness and/or carelessness of the defendant, which was the direct cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries sustained by the plaintiffs, consisted of but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Striking plaintiff's vehicle;
 - b. Operating his vehicle into plaintiff's lane of travel;
 - c. Failing to maintain proper distance between vehicles;
 - d. Operating said vehicle in a negligent, careless and/or reckless manner without regard for the rights or safety of Plaintiffs or others;
 - e. Failing to have said vehicle under proper and adequate control;

- f. Operating said vehicle at a dangerous and excessive rate of speed under the circumstances;
- g. Violation of the assured clear distance rule;
- h. Failure to keep a proper lookout;
- Failure to apply brakes earlier to stop the vehicle without striking the plaintiff's vehicle;
- j. Being inattentive to his duties as an operator of a motor vehicle;
- k. Disregarding traffic lanes, patterns, and other devices;
- Driving at a high rate of speed which was high and dangerous for conditions;
- m. Failing to remain continually alert while operating said vehicle;
- n. Failing to perceive the highly apparent danger to others which the actions and/or inactions posed;
- o. Failing to give Plaintiffs meaningful warning signs concerning the impending collision;
- p. Failing to exercise ordinary care to avoid a collision;
- q. Failing to be highly vigilant and maintain sufficient control of said vehicle and to bring it to a stop on the shortest possible notice;
- r. Operating said vehicle with disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, even though he was aware or should have been aware of the presence of Plaintiff and the threat of harm posed to him;

- s. Continuing to operate the vehicle in a direction towards the plaintiff's vehicle when he saw, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have seen, that further operation in that direction would result in a collision;
- t. Failing to operate said vehicle in compliance with the applicable laws and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pertaining to the operation and control of motor vehicles; and
- u. Being otherwise reckless, careless and/or negligent under the circumstances.
- 15. As a direct and consequential result of the negligent, careless, and/or reckless conduct of the defendant, described above, the Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, including shoulder, back, and wrist injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 16. As a result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past, is presently and may in the future suffer great anguish, sickness and agony and will continue to suffer for an indefinite time into the future.
- 17. As an additional result of the carelessness, negligence and/or recklessness of defendant, Plaintiff has suffered emotional injuries, along with the physical injuries suffered.
- 18. As a further result of Plaintiff's injuries, he has in the past, is presently and may in the future undergo a great loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.
- 19. As a direct result of the negligent, careless, and/or reckless conduct of the defendant, plaintiff suffered damage to his personal property, including his motor vehicle,

which plaintiff was operating at the time of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision; including but not limited to, storage fees and towing, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.

20. Furthermore, in addition to all the injuries and losses suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff has also incurred or will incur medical, rehabilitative and other related expenses in an amount equal to and/or in excess of the basic personal injury protection benefits required by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa.C.S. Section 1701, et. Seq., as amended, for which she makes a claim for payment in the present action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Gregory McCalop, prays for judgment in plaintiffs' favor and against defendant, John Stephens Jr., in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, plus all costs and other relief this court deems necessary.

COUNT II

Gregory McCalop v. Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR

- 21. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 22. The negligence, recklessness and/or carelessness of the defendant, Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services, itself and by and through its agent, servant and/or employee, John Stephens Jr., acting at all times relevant hereto within the scope of his agency, which was the direct and proximate cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries sustained by the plaintiffs, consisted of but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Striking plaintiff's vehicle;
 - b. Operating his vehicle into plaintiff's lane of travel;
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- d. Operating said vehicle in a negligent, careless and/or reckless manner without regard for the rights or safety of Plaintiffs or others;
- e. Failing to have said vehicle under proper and adequate control;
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- r. Operating said vehicle with disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, even though he was aware or should have been aware of the presence of Plaintiff and the threat of harm posed to him;
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- 23. As a direct and consequential result of the negligent, careless, and/or reckless conduct of the defendant, described above, the Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, including shoulder, back and wrist injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- As a result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past, is presently and may in the future suffer great anguish, sickness and agony and will continue to suffer for an indefinite time into the future.
- 25. As an additional result of the carelessness, negligence and/or recklessness of defendant, Plaintiff has suffered emotional injuries, along with the physical injuries suffered.

- 26. As a further result of Plaintiff's injuries, he has in the past, is presently and may in the future undergo a great loss of earnings and/or earning capacity, all to Plaintiff's further loss and detriment.
- 27. As a direct result of the negligent, careless, and/or reckless conduct of the defendant, plaintiff suffered damage to his personal property, including his motor vehicle, which plaintiff was operating at the time of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision; including but not limited to, storage fees and towing, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 28. Furthermore, in addition to all the injuries and losses suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff has also incurred or will incur medical, rehabilitative and other related expenses in an amount equal to and/or in excess of the basic personal injury protection benefits required by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa.C.S. Section 1701, et. Seq., as amended, for which she makes a claim for payment in the present action.

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COUNT III

Gregory McCalop v. Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services Negligent Entrustment

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if set forth fully at length herein.
- 30. The negligence, recklessness and/or carelessness of the defendant, which was the proximate cause of the aforesaid motor vehicle collision and the resultant injuries sustained by the plaintiffs, consisted of but are not limited to the following:

- a. Permitting Defendant, John Stephens Jr., to operate the motor vehicle without first ascertaining whether or not he was capable of properly operating said vehicle;
- b. Permitting Defendant, John Stephens Jr., to operate the motor vehicle when Defendant, Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services, knew, or in the exercise of due care and diligence, should have known that defendant, John Stephens Jr., was capable of committing the acts of negligence set forth above;
- c. Failing to warn those persons, including the Plaintiff, that Defendant, Mercer Group International d/b/a Horizon Disposal Services, knew, or in the existence of due care and diligence should have known, that the Plaintiff would be exposed to Defendant, John Stephens Jr.'s negligent operation of the motor vehicle; and
- d. Otherwise negligently entrusting said vehicle to said individual Defendant,
 John Stephens Jr.
- 31. As a direct and consequential result of the negligent, careless, and/or reckless conduct of the defendant, described above, the Plaintiff suffered various serious and permanent personal injuries, serious impairment of bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement and/or aggravation of pre-existing conditions, all to Plaintiff's great loss and detriment.
- 32. As a result of these injuries, all of which are permanent in nature and all of which are to Plaintiff's great financial detriment and loss, Plaintiff has in the past, is presently and may in the future suffer great anguish, sickness and agony and will continue to suffer for an indefinite time into the future.

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defendant, Plaintiff has suffered emotional injuries, along with the physical injuries suffered.

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Respectfully Submitted,

SIMON & SIMON, P.C.

BY:

Lauren Mazzitelli, Esquire

Attorney for Plaintiff